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A	10/673,774	BOBREN ET AL.	
Notice of Allowability	Examiner	Art Unit	
	John R Paradiso	3721	
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1. \boxtimes This communication is responsive to <u>amendment filed 11/8</u>	<u>3/2004</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-7</u> .			
3. \boxtimes The drawings filed on <u>29 September 2003</u> are accepted by	the Examiner.		
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EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/8/2004 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art could not alone or in combination anticipate or make obvious a strapping machine which includes a strap box with a strap box cover, a strap path having a strap path cover, both covers having a common hinge and being openable independent of each other.

The most pertinent prior art, SHIBAZAKI ET AL, discloses a strapping machine but not with a door over each of the specified compartments and also having a common hinge.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Paradiso. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 9:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at the number listed below.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the 3700 Technology Center Receptionist.

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